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Santa Visits Haliburton He's Coming To Minden Next...

Despite the snow storm, hundreds still managed to line the streets of Haliburton to await the arrival of Santa recently. The snowy weather actually added to the Christmas spirit and made it feel a little more like the season.

Santa will be making his way to Minden on November 30th at 1 p.m. Following the parade through downtown Minden, Santa will be visiting with children at the Minden Fire Hall.

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Pictured with Santa is Mom, Juliane vanLieshout, and her children, Justin, Tiffany and Amanda.

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Gordon Monk Receives Queens Golden Jubilee Medal

by Brett Irvine

"I firmly believe in returning goodness for the goodness you receive!"

On November 9, Gordon Monk of Minden was presented with a very prestigious award. Gordon received the Queens Golden Jubilee Medal, which is the Queens way in her 50th year on the throne to honour those who have given an extraordinary amount of time and commitment to their communities.

Gordon was one of five people in our riding to receive the medal, the only from our immediate area.

Gordon's resume is mind blowing, but here are just some of his contributions to his community and beyond. He's been Chairman of the Health Services Fund for our hospitals, Honorary Chairman of the Haliburton Highlands Home Support Services, Chairman of the BIA for 4 years, Heart & Stroke Committee Member, Treasurer of Ontario Funeral Services Association, Kinsmen member, K-40 Club, Shriners Club, Hockey referee & coach, Scottish Rite with many years in Masonic Work, International Order of the Golden Rule, Grand Registrar of Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario and much more.

He's also been Santa Clause in the Minden Santa Clause pa-



rade for 24 years and will again be the jolly one this year.

Gordon was chosen by the local riding association, and no doubt, deserves the award.

But Gordon remains very humble about all this. "I feel other people in our community have done just as much or more than me. I'm just trying to make our community a better place to live and help others who are less fortunate than others," says Gord. "This community has been very good to our family, and I firmly believe in returning goodness for the goodness you receive. It's not going to change me. I'm still going to keep doing what I've been doing. I still put my pants on one leg at a time and I'll still tell the same bad jokes," he added.

Gordon has recently beaten a battle with cancer. His doctors told him last June that he probably wouldn't live a year, but at his most recent check-up, the results were negative to cancer and very positive to Gordon and all who know him. "When you get news like that it really changes your outlook on life. Now everyday when I wake up and look outside to see either grass or snow - I know it's a good day." He continues, "I'm thankful to be here."

Gordon Monk and his wife owned and operated the Gordon Monk Funeral Home in Minden from 1975 to 1998, and another funeral home in Bobcaygeon from 1986 to 1997. Their daughter Kirsten and her husband Barry operate the Minden location, and their son Cameron and his wife Linda operate the Bobcaygeon location.

Gordon still runs Monk Monuments in Minden, and remains as active as he can, skating, curling and golfing.

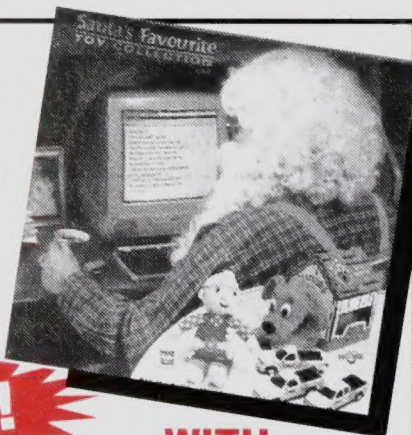
"I never could have done any of these things without the support of my wife and family. I believe the things that matter the most in life are the things you do for others and I'll always live by that," says Gord.

Be sure to come out and cheer for Good Ol' St. Nick at the Minden Santa Clause Parade on November 30th - and if you see Gord sometime, skating, curling, or just walking down the street, be sure to say hi, congratulations and even thanks.

Congratulations Gord!! The words you live by make a lot of sense and are definitely ones we should all try to live by.

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EYE ON BUSINESS

"I know when people come in here to look around and they stay for a long time, I must be doing something right."

There's Lots of Treasures At Pine Reflections.... Always!

by Brett Irvine

It may be a little off the beaten path but this little shop packs a mighty punch when it comes to neat gift ideas.

Located in Carnarvon beside Carnarvon Garage, Pine Reflections is a small gift shop that always has a great selection of unique gifts for anyone on your list.

"I always want things to jump out at people when they come in," says owner, Gina Atkinson. She continues, "I know when people come in here to look around and they stay for a long time I must be doing something right."

There are so many unique items in the store that you couldn't describe the store as specializing in any one theme. You need to look high and low. There's handcrafted import pieces from around the world, old fashioned toys, different kids toys, throw blankets, fun jewelry, and just plain cool things you don't normally see everyday, including one of a kind gifts.

Some brand names you'll see are Winnie the Pooh, Osh Kosh children's clothing, Tilley Hats, Upper Canada Soaps and Candles. And a good selection of Solitude tapes, to name a few. All this in a cute little shop around 600 square feet.



Although Gina admits that the summer months are the busiest, she keeps the store well stocked all year round.

"My goal is to make sure that there's always something here for everyone, even in the off season. I'm always restocking and trying to keep up the pace with new products!" says Gina.

Gina and her husband, Nigel, moved to the Highlands in January of 1996 from Bolton "to escape the rat race," says Gina. "We saw an ad for property up here and it looked nice. So, up we came," she adds.

Nigel operated an auto repair business called C.A.R.S. in Bolton and Gina looked after the parts and service end of the business. Nigel quickly took over the Carnarvon Garage, keeping the name the same. He's been a mechanic since he was 18.

When they moved here the shop that is now Pine Reflections had sat empty for some time and Gina soon saw the potential. "Boy, it's come a long way," recalls Gina. "We started on a shoestring budget and only a few items. I remember how I

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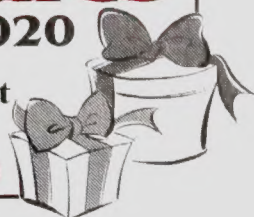
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Make An Angel...

Missing that special Christmas decoration? Why not make one yourself! It's easy if you attend the Lakeside Baptist Church on Saturday December 7 and join other adults and children over 8 making a special wooden Christmas Angel.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The cost is just \$2 for materials. The Christmas Angel session begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes around noon.

Here's A Neat Gift Idea...

This Christmas, why not give the gift of local History...with the Minden Museum's latest endeavor.

"We are offering Minden Hills Museum Memberships for \$20.00 a year," says museum co-ordinator Carol Miles.

This membership entitles the cardholder to: a beautiful collector's card; 20% savings on workshops, event tickets & rentals; a monthly newsletter; advance notice & registration for all museum events; unlimited access to museum buildings during regular business hours; and access to resource centre & video library.

If you buy one now for someone on your Christmas gift list, you will receive a complimentary Christmas Card to present it in.

For a membership or for more information call Carol at 705-286-3588 or email her at simmons@interhop.net to ensure it will be in your hands in time for Christmas giving.

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The Translator

Okay... I have some explaining to do and some correcting...

So Brett and I thought of this great idea to help people learn some common phrases in a few different languages. Great idea, right? So we get a program called "The Translator" which "claims" to be able to convert sentences into a variety of different languages.

Sounds good, but it appears the program doesn't work as it claims. So in a nutshell, last month's translator was all wrong.

Now for the good news... We had a few people call and not only correct us, but say they will give us the correct translations. Even better – not only is the column going to continue and be correct, but now it's being down with the assistance of local people. And I thank them immensely!! Our translations will now be brought to you by Wayne Cooper, teacher at H.H.S.S. Thanks also to Tishi. She too has some great translations coming.

So, here goes... we're repeating last month's with the corrected statements. Oh, and don't worry if you said any of the old ones – while they were wrong, they weren't bad. The translations were, you might say, a bit comical. Hope you enjoy this column and who knows... maybe it will help you some day when you least expect it.

English: How are you?

Spanish: Como esta usted?

German: Wie geht's?

Italian: Come stai?

French: Comment ca va?

English: Merry Christmas!

Spanish: Feliz Navidad!

German: Frohes weihnachten!

Italian: Buon natale!

French: Joyeux Noel!

English: I am fine thanks,

Spanish: Bien, gracias

German: Es geht Mir gut, danke,

Italian: Bene, grazie

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Bed and Breakfast-Special Studio Tour Just Days Away

Seven bed and breakfast businesses and four artists studios will be open to the public on November 30 and December 1 for their third annual Christmas Tour. Eight of the eleven venues are new to the tour this year.

The bed and breakfast locations will be beautifully decorated for the holiday season and feature guest artists. In addition, you will be able to enjoy live music at Stouffer Mill B & B or be entertained by a pianist and speak to local author Michael Barnes at Sunny Rock B & B. The tour will wind its way to Gooderham, Minden, Carnarvon, Ingoldsby, Halls Lake, Blairhampton and Haliburton Village. Meet and greet the owners, enjoy a Christmas treat and do some Christmas shopping all in a pleasant afternoon.

If you haven't picked up your tour guide yet, you can do so at Cranberry Cottage Country Store in Haliburton or Golden Stationers in Minden. The cost is ten dollars per person and all proceeds go to the local food banks. To obtain more information, contact Helen Gillon at 457-3319 or Jessie Pflug at 489-3024.

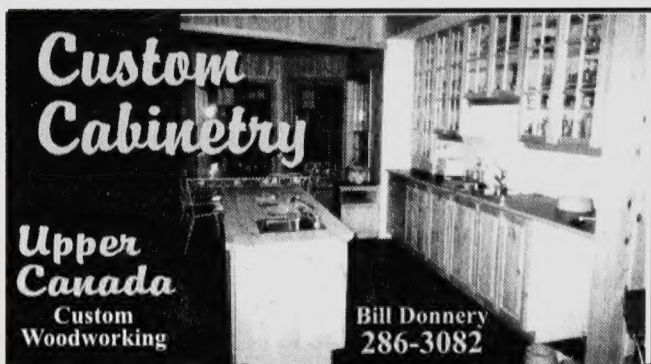
Pool Committee Needs Consultant

With the present focus on healthy living and preventative health care an aquatic centre in Haliburton County would add much to the quality of life—recreation & fitness for all ages & especially for our youth who lack choice for activities. Then there is the skills kids can obtain for jobs at this and other centres—lifeguard, teaching swimming etc.

An aquatic centre is a needed piece of infrastructure that draws people and business interests into the community.

The Yes We Will .. committee is advertising for a consultant to develop a Business Plan for building a pool in Haliburton County. Although they have the help of HCDC funding and other fund raising efforts they will be organizing another fund raiser over the winter to shore up the coffers and help pay printing costs.

Please watch for news in the coming weeks and support their efforts. Ann Maher and June White say 'the best way you can help at this time is to let your local politicians know that you support the Pool Committee for the good of all in Haliburton County.



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Dumb Criminals



MEATBALL MARAUDERS:

Two robbers at a pizza parlor in Boston, Mass., took five employees hostage, but allowed one to leave if he promised not to call the police. He broke that promise: as Johnathan Ortega, 23, and Miguel Angel Correa, 27, waited for the time-delay lock on the safe, officers surrounded the building. When the robbers realized they were trapped, they tried to convince their hostages to tell police they were customers and that the robbers had left. "They were telling us, 'Oh, please, help us! Tie us up!'," says the manager. "One of them said, 'I've got kids, I don't want to go to jail!'" They made believe they were hostages, too." The robbers hid their guns and the employees tied them up — and then let the cops in to arrest them. ...Ortega and Correa are the sort of people that would have to be reincarnated twice to get all the way up to "dumb".



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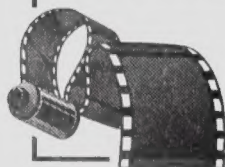
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Silly Snapshots



Here's a cute pic, perfect for all you hunters out there who maybe didn't get one... this could possibly be the reason why... did you think to look up? Just kidding...



Hey all you camera buffs out there... if you have a great shot of a stupid sign, or funny pic of a person or people, send it along to us. We'd love to run it here.

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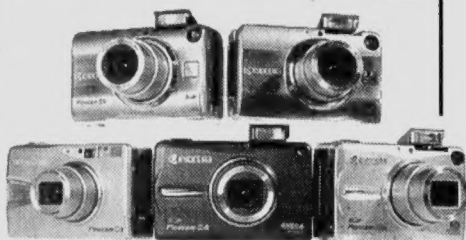
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This special day at the gallery takes place on Saturday November 30th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Enjoy festive snacks and warm apple cider while browsing through their 4 newly decorated rooms featuring over 30 of Haliburton's finest artists.

From 2 - 4 you can listen to flautist Reuben Maughan who will be performing live at the Gallery. Between 11 and noon you can meet the Gallery's more recent artist, Jeanette Charron.

All the artists have created many unique and delightful works especially for the Holiday Season. Be sure not to miss this special day for this special time of the year - Don't miss the Ethel Curry Gallery Christmas Open House!

The Gallery is located next to C.I.B.C. in Haliburton. To reach the Gallery call 457-9687.

Christmas Shopping is Easy At Minden Craft Show

Everyone is invited to attend the Minden Craft Sale at the Minden Arena on December 7 and 8. There will be approximately thirty vendors exhibiting hand crafted items such as quilting, woodworking and wood carving, ceramics, knitting, candles, jewellery, fabric crafts, twig furniture, and floral arrangements. Several small businesses will be displaying their products including; maple syrup, home baking, Tupperware, fudge and chocolate treats and Watkins products. The sale runs on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Women's Institute will provide the sale of light refreshments and lunch. Admission is free but cash donations for the Food Bank are greatly appreciated. Vendors and nonprofit organization's enquiries are still welcome by calling Donna McKnight at 754-9957.

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The season opens December 1st with Hans Christian Andersen's well-known tale "The Nightingale" presented by The Little Red Theatre. The nightingale sings so beautifully that the Emperor of China puts her in a cage in order to "own" her song, but the bird's spirit cannot be captured. The play includes shadow and rod puppetry as well as live actors and Chinese choreography.

Jack Grunsky, Juno-award-winning children's performer, brings "Music for Children" on January 12th. Jack's nine CDs feature a wide variety of instruments, rhythms and melodies drawing on cultures around the world. "Sing and Dance," his seventh CD earned a Juno for best

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children's recording in 2001.

On March 2nd, Ballet Creole will perform "Toute Baghai", a Trinidadian-based ballet featuring chants and songs with traditional and indigenous instruments. Ballet Creole performs traditional and contemporary dance and music from around the world, with a particular emphasis on the Caribbean and Africa. Its name refers to an old French meaning of "ballet" signifying dance illustrating the costumes and manners of other nations. Ballet Creole may be conducting some workshops with local dance students while they are in the area.

All shows are held at the Northern Lights Pavilion (at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School), except for the last show April 13, which will be held at YMCA Camp Wanakita. "Carnival of the Animals" is an illustration of Camille Saint-Saens' lively classical composition featuring actors, life-size puppets and giant umbrellas, presented by The Music Arsenal from Montreal.

Ticket prices are very reasonable at \$8 per adult or \$5 per

child for one show, but a seasons pass for either adults or children is only \$18 for all four shows. Children under 2 are admitted free. Razzamataz is grateful for the generous support of local sponsors as well as the Ontario Arts Council to make quality children's entertainment affordable for Haliburton County families. To order a season pass, call Amy Klose at 457-4266.

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Be Sure To Check Out Pine Reflections

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was centering everything on the walls. Now there's little nail holes everywhere."

As for the name, Gina noticed that the small store was dwarfed by pine trees all around it and thought of the

store as a reflection of the trees. Inside, the walls and ceiling are all made of pine as well.

So now that you know a little more about the little store in Carnarvon, you owe it to yourself to check it out. From the time you walk in to hear the sweet sounds of the Solitude tapes until the time you leave, you're sure to have an enjoyable experience.

While in Carnarvon, there are plenty of great restaurants to visit, so you can make a day of it.

Pine Reflections is open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Christmas and by chance or appointment after that. "I'll gladly open for someone if they want to come in and I promise the store will be well stocked. You can reach Gina at 489-1397 or at the Carnarvon Garage at 489-1401.

Win a \$50 gift certificate at Pine Reflections... see pg. 17 for details.

Where Does That Music Come From??



Jim has a few seasonal disks that keep us in the spirit.

The spirit of Christmas is alive and well in Haliburton with the help of beautiful holiday music playing in the streets. But, where does the music come from and whose idea was this?

The music is actually coming from a CD player located in Henwoods Variety on Highland Street and was wired into the town sound speakers by Del Sharp from Sharp Electric.

It's a project by the Haliburton B.I.A. and has been running for years. "It used to be run out of Varty's Jewellery." Says Jim Henwood. "I guess I'm doing it because of my hours. I'm open early and stay open later."

Jim says the BIA usually has the music start a couple days before the Santa Clause Parade and runs a couple days after Christmas. What a great idea to get us all into the spirit of the season!

Jim does say that he sometimes forgets to change a CD or turn it on, so now that we all know where the music is coming from, if you don't hear the music, just pop in and give Jim a friendly reminder.



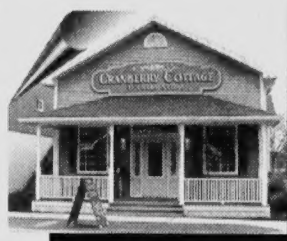






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Minden's Streets Are Bright & Cheery For Christmas Season Thanks To Volunteers

If you've been through Minden over the past week or so, you'll notice that the streets and businesses are a little cheerier and it's a beautiful site at night. Yes, Minden surely has the look of a town in the true Christmas spirit.

But who is responsible for making it look so great? That would be Anne Neave from Campbell's Flowers and a group of volunteers who have put a lot of time and thought into it.

"I just thought it would make the town more festive for the holidays," says Anne. "I've been doing it for the past two years and it's very gratifying," she adds.



Anne Neave is one of the people who are making the streets of Minden look so great this Christmas season.

The process takes Anne approximately 4 weeks to plan and organize and, with the help of volunteers, about three nights to put up everything from white lights, wreaths, garlands, bows and fresh pine.

"I also decorate most of the businesses," says Anne.

And, this is all truly in the spirit of Christmas. All the work is purely volunteer and there are no profits gained from the endeavor.

So if you've seen the finished product...now you know who is responsible for this fine work. And, if you're

looking to check out an amazing Christmas light show, take a drive through downtown Minden this holiday season. You'll be glad you did!

Porch & Barn Country Crafts - A Christmas Shopping Treat

Their decorated farmhouse becomes a Christmas wonderland for their annual Christmas sale. The front porch, exterior of the house and all the main floors are just packed with a wide assortment of decorations, wooden ware, tin ware, fabric crafts, table center pieces, an array of candle holders and decorated trees. Judy has developed quite a reputation for her one-of-a-kind items, some incorporating found and refurbished antiques.



Each year Judy and Ed Bunville of Kinmount hold their annual Christmas Craft Sale. Ed produces all the wooden pieces for the sale and Judy finishes them with an old world folk art painted design. They also participate in the Kinmount Studio Tour held each fall. Both sales are very popular and they have developed quite a following of repeat customers.

They also sell their handcrafted items year round at the Kinmount Crafters Market Place located on County Road 45 in Kinmount. Ed also accepts custom orders for furniture pieces and wooden accessories. Ed and Judy do not have a showroom or studio, but if you would like to reach them for an appointment regarding custom orders and availability of Judy's handcrafted items, you can contact them at 488-2201.

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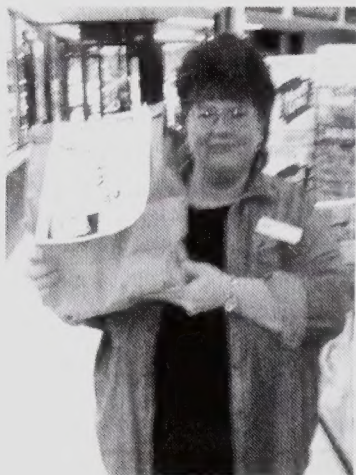
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During the holiday season, let's all remember that some folks in our area may be less fortunate than others and we can all help this season by donating to the Minden and the 4 Cs food bank in different ways.

Both food and toys are needed and can be dropped off at either location in Haliburton or Minden. The Haliburton location is on Maple Avenue

across from Emmerson Lumber and the Minden location is in the Valumart Plaza in Minden. Donations of non-perishable food, toys or money can be donated.

You can also purchase pre-packaged bags of food at your local grocery stores.

If you are a family in need of assistance at Christmas, you simply need to call to request a Christmas basket and let them know if you have children and their ages. This will help

the food banks determine which type of gifts to wrap for your children. Every child is guaranteed a gift.

Requests for food boxes must be made between December 2 and December 14th.



To reach the 4 Cs food bank, call 457-3311 and to reach the Minden food bank, call 286-6838 or 489-2062 to request a basket.

Pictured far left is Jill Hamilton from the Minden IGA holding the pre-packaged food bag.

Left is Karen Leclair from Minden IGA beside a Minden Food drop box located in this and other area stores.

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Coat-Hanger Chimes

Tie the middle of a 3-foot long piece of thread to the hook of a coat hanger. Wrap the ends of the thread around the second finger of each hand, stick these fingers in your ears, and allow the hanger to bump against a rigid object. Big Ben never sounded this good!

Got News? ... Call 448-1847

Winner of Governor General Fiction Award Visits

Michael Fay and Fay Martin were honoured to have special guest Gloria Sawai perform a reading from her novel "A Song for Nettie Johnson" at their home on Horseshoe Lake Road in Minden Hills on November 22.

The evening, sponsored by the Friends of the Haliburton County Library, was enjoyed by many who attended to meet Gloria, recipient of the Governor General Fiction Award.

Gloria hails from Edmonton, and is a personal friend of Michael. The reading and reception was concluded with a wine and cheese reception following the reading. Those who attended the free event were asked to make a donation on behalf of the Friends of the Haliburton County Library.

Gloria's book "A Song for Nettie Johnson, consists of a series of short stories, some written as long ago as 1978, and one 90-page novella. It has already received awards from the Writers' Guild of Alberta and recently won the City of Edmonton fiction prize.



In his critique of the collection in The Journal's book pages, reviewer Curtis Gillespie called A Song for Nettie Johnson "dignified," "thrilling" and "deeply satisfying."

He also said that Sawai was a "glittering yet somehow distant star in the Canadian literary community. "Her understated realistic technique, coupled with her hugely empathetic sensibility, makes Nettie Johnson not just a book to enjoy as a reading, but a book to hold near, to put one's faith in when it comes to matters of human nature," Gillespie said.

The best-known story in the collection is The Day I Sat with Jesus on the Sundeck and a Wind Came Up and Blew My Kimono Open and He Saw my Breasts. It was included in the Margaret Atwood-edited Oxford Anthology of Canadian Short Fiction.

"A lot of the stories have appeared elsewhere," Sawai said, "but this is the first time that they've all appeared under one cover.

"Some of them have been around for more than 20 years, so I guess there must be some good ones in there," Sawai said with a laugh.

Her plays have been produced by Alberta Theatre Projects and the Edmonton Fringe Festival..

Gloria was presented her award by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada, at a ceremony at Rideau Hall on November 19. The following day she was introduced to the House of Commons.



Gloria Sawai performs reading at special reception sponsored by Friends of the Haliburton County Library.

The Canada Council for the Arts funds, administers and promotes the Governor General's Literary Awards. Each laureate receives a cheque for \$15,000 and a specially-crafted copy of the winning book bound by master bookbinder Pierre Ouvrard. The Governor General also presents certificates to the publishers of the winning books, and the Canada Council also provides each publisher with a \$3,000 grant to support promotional activities for the winning book.

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Would we fall for this one? I sincerely hope that our antennae would pick up the danger in this. Please be careful.....

I was approached yesterday afternoon around 3:30 pm in the Walmart parking lot at University Drive by two males, asking what kind of perfume I was wearing. Then they asked if I'd like to sample some fabulous scent they were willing to sell me at a very reasonable rate.

I probably would have agreed had I not received an email some weeks ago, warning of a "Wanna smell this neat perfume?" scam.

The men continued to stand between parked cars, I guess to wait for someone else to hit on. I stopped a lady going towards them, pointed at them, and told her about how I was sent an e-mail at work about someone walking up to you at the malls or in parking lots, and asking you to SNIFF PERFUME that they are selling at a cheap price.

THIS IS NOT PERFUME - IT IS ETHER!

When you sniff it, you'll pass out. And they'll take your wallet, your valuables, and heaven knows what else. If it were not for this e-mail, I probably would have sniffed the "perfume." But thanks to the generosity of an emailing friend, I was spared whatever might have happened to me. I want to do the same for you.

Please pass this along to all your women friends, and please be alert, and aware!! This applies to moms, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, friends. If you are a man and receive this, pass it on to your women friends and family!

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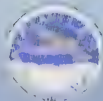
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A young woman on her way to town broke her journey by staying with friends at an old manor house. Her bedroom looked out to the carriage sweep at the front door. It was a moonlit night, and she found it difficult to sleep. As the clock outside her bedroom door struck 12, she heard the noise of horses' hooves on the gravel outside, and the sound of wheels.

She got up and went over to the window to see who could be arriving at that time of night. The moonlight was very bright, and she saw a hearse drive up to the door. It hadn't a coffin in it; instead it was crowded with people. The coachman sat high up on the box: as he came opposite the window he drew up and turned his head. His face terrified her, and he said in a distinct voice, "There's room for one more."

She drew the curtain, ran back to bed, and covered her head with the bedclothes. In the morning she was not quite sure whether it had been a dream, or whether she had really got out of bed and seen the hearse, but she was glad to go up to town and leave the old house behind her.

She was shopping in a big store which had an elevator in it — an up-to-date thing at that time. She was on the top floor, and went to the elevator to go down. It was rather crowded, but as she came up to it, the elevator operator turned his head and said, "There's room for one more."

It was the face of the coachman of the hearse. "No, thank you," said the girl. "I'll walk down." She turned away, the elevator doors clanged, there was a terrible rush and screaming and shouting, and then a great clatter and thud. The elevator had fallen and every soul in it was killed.



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A man & wife entered a dentist's office. The Wife said, "I want a tooth pulled. I don't want gas or Novocain because I'm in a terrible hurry. Just pull the tooth as quickly as possible."

The wife turns to her husband and says "Open your mouth and show the dentist which tooth it is, dear."

The following was submitted by Larry Levely.

Most Men Won't Like This !

One day three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging, violent river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so.

The first man prayed to God, saying, "Please God, give me the strength to cross the river. "Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times.

Seeing this, the second man prayed to God saying, Please God, give me the tools and the strength... to cross this river. "Poof! God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times.

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, "Please God, give me the strength and the tools.... and the intelligence to cross this river. "and poof! God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards, then walked across the bridge!

Ten Tips To Reduce Teen Auto Accidents

(NAPSI)-Primarily due to their inexperience behind the wheel, teenage drivers are much more likely than adults to get into accidents. Fortunately, there are things parents can do to help keep their teens safe on the road, while boosting their own peace of mind.

In its new safety brochure, "Can I Borrow the Car?," GEICO offers these 10 tips for parents to help reduce accidents among their teen drivers:

1. Limit night driving. Many teen car crashes take place between 9 p.m. and 12 midnight. Beginning drivers should be restricted to driving during the day initially.
2. Keep it slow and safe for starters. Remember that teens need to stay away from fast-moving, high-volume traffic until they feel comfortable in such situations.
3. Train for poor weather conditions. Limit your teen's driving during periods of bad weather until the teen demonstrates a high level of competence and confidence.
4. Restrict cell phones to emergency use only. Don't let bad habits begin. Provide your young teen with a cell phone for the car for emergency situations only.
5. Choose safe vehicles for your children. Proper attention to the vehicle a teen drives is as important as his or her actual driving.



- v Avoid small cars, trucks and sport utility vehicles.
- v Look for automobiles with high safety ratings (air bags, crumple zones, etc.).

6. Remember you are a role model. New drivers learn a lot by example, so practice safe driving. Teens with poor driving records often reflect the behavior of parents with poor driving records.

7. Supervise as much practice driving as possible. Parents should take an active role in the teenager's driving practice. Make a firm schedule to supervise your future driver and stick to it.

8. Be firm about safety belt use. Require that your teenagers wear safety belts at all times-no exceptions.

9. Discuss realistic consequences of drug and alcohol use. Let them hear it from you that alcohol and drug use is totally unacceptable when driving.

10. Restrict passengers. Having more passengers in a car increases the chance of greater risk-taking, because of greater peer pressure and because it leads to greater distractions.

To get a free copy of GEICO's "Can I Borrow the Car?" Ten Tips brochure and other teen safe driving materials, go to www.geico.com/cars/teen_safety.htm.

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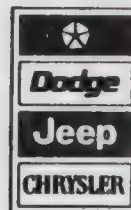
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My Crazy Aunt's Attic in Haliburton is the prime location for a year round yard sale and welcomes consignment items from people in the county. They already have a large quantity of used items for sale in the store.



Sharon Rowden is the new owner of My Crazy Aunt's Attic located in Haliburton, upstairs from Cottage Kids. As you can see the attic has lots to choose from.

"You can buy a pair or GAP jeans here for \$10...they're \$100 in the stores," says new owner, Sharon Rowden. "I've got tons of stuff that's second hand but in great shape and at a great price."

Sharon would like to get more items in. Items can be almost anything from books, toys, sports equipment, furniture and more. But, she does want quality items. If the item sells, you'll get 50% of the money or the equivalent in store credits...your choice.

Sharon Rowden officially took over the

business in November because she thought it would be a new adventure for her.

She stresses that all the same products that people have become used to with Cottage Kids are still available at the location. The products include the ever popular Groovy Girls, Roots handbags, party supplies, baby clothing and specialty items – all brand new. Sharon just wants to expand more into the consignment business.

"I've joined forces with Cottage Kids to create one big attic," says Sharon.

So, if you think you have some quality used products you'd like to sell, call Sharon. Oh yes, there is a new phone number for the store. Introducing another 455 number. The new number is 455-9065. My Crazy Aunt's Attic is open Monday – Thursday 11 – 3, Friday 9:30 – 5:30 and Saturday 9 – 5 p.m.



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Kosy Korner (story pg. 39 & 40):

- 1: Where does Janet purchase most of her meat from?**
- 2: Besides her restaurant, what other service does Janet offer involving food?**

Pine Reflections (story pg. 3 & 8):

- 1: Where is Pine Reflections located?**
- 2: What is Gina's goal?**

Zoe Chilco (story pg. 38 & 40):

- 1: What local band did she first sing with?**
- 2: What's her new CD called?**

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Please drop by Home Support in the Halco Plaza on December 12th from 1-4.

Enjoy A Fabulous Christmas Luncheon

Don't forget the upcoming and very popular Christmas Luncheons by the Haliburton County Home Support organization. The first luncheon is in Haliburton on December 3 starting at noon. You can enjoy a Turkey Dinner by the Legion Ladies followed by entertainment by the Gentlemen of Song. This is being held at the Haliburton Legion.

The second luncheon takes place in Minden at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant on December 10. This luncheon features a delicious ham dinner, with scalloped potatoes, pie, tea & coffee. This is the first year the luncheon has been offered in Minden. Be sure to attend one or both of these wonderful events. The cost is only \$12 per person each luncheon. For tickets call 457-2941.

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Suzie Deterling holds Benji - this year's acute bear!

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The Acute Care Bears are a 'win-win' situation for all, so get yours today if you don't already have a BENJI.



Each year the bear is a different kind - perfect for the collector and a wonderful gift to receive every year!!

Pictured are a few of the different ones to far.

Hey Kids... Don't Miss The Stanhope Christmas Party

It's that time of year for the Stanhope Children's Christmas Party taking place Saturday, December 7 from 12 - 3 p.m. at the firefighters hall.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. This event is sponsored by the Stanhope Firefighter's Association. All are welcome to attend. Donations to the food bank are accepted and appreciated.

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Dispose of those old prescriptions the proper way...

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT Drug Clean-Out Campaign Helps in Disposal of Unused and Expired Medication

It may be winter, but area residents are being encouraged to do a major spring cleaning to rid themselves of a potential health hazard.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is teaming up with local pharmacists on a **Drug Clean-Out Campaign** that began on Monday, November 18 – a date that coincides with the start of Drug Awareness Week in Ontario.

The centerpiece of the campaign is the distribution of hundreds of drug-disposal bags through four participating pharmacies in Haliburton County. People will be urged to take the bags home and fill them with any unused prescription drugs or expired non-prescription drugs. The filled bags can then be returned to one of the following pharmacies for proper disposal:

- Rexall Drug Store in Haliburton
- Highland Pharmacy (Guardian) in Minden
- Minden IDA Drug Store
- Village Court Pharmacy (Guardian) in Haliburton

An official with the Health Unit says people need to practice good medicine by cleaning out their medicine cabinet at least once every six months to make sure everything in it is useable.

"It's a matter of life and death," says Angela Andrews, a Health Promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit. "People who hold onto their pills have a greater risk of misusing them and putting their health at risk."

Adverse effects from medication and people not



following instructions on the prescription are the cause of 10 percent of all hospital admissions, according to the Ontario Drug Awareness Partnership. For older adults who use more prescription drugs, misuse of medication is blamed for one-quarter of all hospital admissions.

When it comes to keeping medication, a simple slogan is good to keep in mind: **If in doubt, throw it out.** Anyone with questions about the Drug Clean-Out Campaign can contact the local Health Unit office or their pharmacist.

Katie Riley, Pharmacist Assistant at Village Court Pharmacy holds the bags that are available at four different drug stores in our county. These are to be used to discard any old prescriptions you may have lying around.



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Watkins Products Go Back To 1868 - And They Are Still Around & Available In Haliburton County

By Diana Burns

As taken from the classic novel "The Thorn Birds," "...There were certain things one never dreamed of buying from anyone but the Watkins man: like his ointment, better by far than any drugstore or prescription salve, capable of healing anything from a rent in the side of a work dog to an ulcer on a human shin. The women would crowd around in every kitchen he visited, waiting eagerly for him to pop open his big suitcase of wares."

Ken Kreller is probably more familiar with this setting than most of us. He sells Watkins products from his home just outside



of West Guilford and at the annual spring and Christmas craft sales in Minden.

In June of 1980, Ken moved his family to the Haliburton region to improve his living environment and provide a healthier lifestyle for his two sons who were then suffering from allergies. He worked in the construction industry for forty-five years before becoming a Watkins Sales Representative. Ken used Watkins products as a child and still uses them today. He had such confidence in the products performances that he thought "I can sell this," and became a sales representative in June of 1997.

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HEALTHY RECIPES

Submitted by the HKPD Health Unit



Squash Cornmeal Muffins

This is a great recipe to use leftover winter squash. Preheat oven
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1/4 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
1 cup cooked, mashed squash
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 tsp. salt
3/4 tsp. cinnamon
1/8 tsp. cloves
1 cup whole wheat flour
1 cup cornmeal
4 tsp baking powder
1 tbsp. wheat germ
1 tbsp skim milk powder

In a large bowl, beat
brown sugar and eggs
together. Add squash and
vegetable oil
In a small bowl, combine
the remaining ingredi-
ents.
Add dry ingredients to
wet, and stir just until
combined. Do not over
stir.
Spoon into muffin tins
and bake for 25 minutes.

*Did you know that winter squashes such as butternut,
hubbard and acorn may help protect against cancer since
they are high in vitamin C, fiber and carotene.
Also, you can add cooked, mashed or pureed winter squash
to spice cookies and quick bread recipes.*

Watkins Products are Plentiful & Helpful

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Ken's not sure if he is the only Watkins sales representative in the region, but he is not aware of anyone else providing this region with the Watkins product line. He enjoys working with the public and enjoys selling a product that has such a good reputation for quality and satisfaction. To enquire about the Watkins product line or place an order, please give Ken a call at 754-4221 or email him at kenneth.kreller@sympatico.ca or visit his booth at the upcoming Christmas Craft sale in Minden on December 7 and 8. You can also check out the Watkins website at www.watkinsonline.com. With so many to choose from, we're sure there is that perfect product for you or someone you know

Wellness Expo A Hit

Attendance was fantastic at the first ever Haliburton County Wellness Expo held at the Trinity Centre in Carnarvon on Sunday.

There were a total of 25 exhibitors (professionals in a variety of fields) present to answer any and all your questions.

The expo provided the perfect opportunity to meet with so many diverse health and natural health specialists.

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Educational Website Launched to Answer Questions About HIV and AIDS.



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P.A.R.N. was in Haliburton on November 22 to launch their new website, www.parn.ca. This new site is very user-friendly and can answer most of your questions about HIV and AIDS. "It's

very exciting," says Gisele Lalonde, PARN outreach coordinator.

P.A.R.N. is a community-based agency that provides support, health promotion and advocacy for people that are affected by HIV. They will provide free confidential counseling and support, references to resources, and provide workshops and education programs here in our area.

PARN serves City of Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton, Northumberland and Peterborough Counties and their goals are to raise awareness for AIDS and HIV in our counties, challenge stigma and discrimination, and support prevention efforts.

November 25 - December 1st is Aids Awareness Week and the slogan this year is...ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, ANYONE...HIV/AIDS DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE.

On November 29th volunteers will be outside the Minden liquor store canvassing for your support and on November 30th outside the Valumart in Haliburton. You can buy a red ribbon to show your support for people living with AIDS. It is also a symbol of hope that a cure will soon be found. Please show your support. Volunteers are needed to help with the canvassing and your help would be very valuable. To volunteer, you may call 1-800-361-2895.

A number of stores will also be displaying posters, 5 foot long red ribbons, and smaller ribbons to support the initiative. Local pubs will distribute postcards as coasters as well.

If you require further information on PARN you can call them toll free at 1-800-361-2895 or visit www.parn.ca.



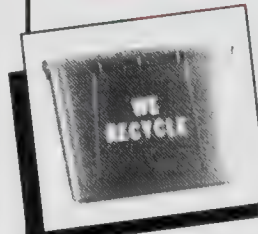
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New Self-Storage Units Coming To Haliburton

By Diana Burns

Do you own too many things to store at or on your own property? Maybe you don't have a garage to store that extra furniture, snowmobile or your collection of marbles. Perhaps you own a small business and need extra storage for your product line.

In a few short weeks, Patrick Smith of Ennismore Ontario will be providing thirty-nine new storage units as part of his new venture, Haliburton Self Storage, on Industrial Park Road in Haliburton - by mid December 2002. Units will be available in five foot by ten foot and ten foot by twenty-five foot sizes. Prices range from sixty dollars to one hundred and fifty dollars per month. Some units come with removable walls to allow for larger space. Discounted rates are offered on multiple monthly rentals but tenants can rent for as short a time as one day if required.

Patrick hopes to add an additional forty units in the future. There will be onsite video security when the units open and the property site will be completely surrounded by chain link fencing in the spring. Renters supply their own locks.

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Program Helped Many – And Created Some Fun Friendly Competition Among Haliburton Business People

For some it was the excitement of the friendly competition, for others it became the beginning of lifestyle change with some rewarding results.

While the fall passed us by, many business owners and their employees in Haliburton were engaged in a friendly competition based on level of activity – physical activity that is.

The competition entitled “The Healthy Living Promotion”, was a 16 week program headed by Millennium Lifestyles and Health for Life. Health for Life provided funding for Millennium Lifestyles to hire a student to set up, promote and administer the program as well as tabulate the weekly ballots and notify winners. Stephanie Ratz was hired to do the job.

Basically local businesses were invited to have their employees sign up for this promotion. Employees were to begin a healthy workout program. The goal of the program? – to increase activity levels of sedentary adults through a fun, interactive workplace event, and encourage team/community spirit through friendly competition.

The employees tracked their weekly exercise times on ballots and dropped the ballots off at their workplace. Scoring was based on the “Honour System” – you scored 1 point for each day you did the required activity. Participants needed to do 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity during a day to qualify for a point. Prizes were up for grabs for overall winners as well as weekly winners.

A total of 30 businesses participated with 209 participants all together. It was calculated that 412,000,000 calories were burned in total, and for some it meant a huge weight loss.

Leith Clarke from the Access Centre in Haliburton was one participant who felt the promotion changed her life. She lost 16 pounds during the programme. “I got a lot of encouragement within the office,” she says. “I feel much better – I have more energy.”



The Gang at the Access Centre

Jean Heathcote also found success through the promotion. “I started walking and drinking water and eating better,” she said. Jean lost a total of 30lbs. “I feel great. I’m very proud of myself.

Some walked, some swam, some rode bikes, some worked out... For many, the promotion was just what they needed. “It was fun to be part of,” says Bernie Nicholson of Job Connect. “These types of programs are great to see – it really pro-

motes getting active.”

To make it fair, businesses were divided into three categories – less than 10 employees, 11 – 29 employees, and 30 or more.



Bernie Nicholson

The overall business winners were: (Less than 10 employees) – Job Connect, (11 – 29) – The Access Centre, (30 or more) – Patient News Publishing.

As for individual winners with the most participant points, they were: Harry Rodley from the MDS Labs, Bernie Nicholson from Job Connect, and Marina Maughn from the Access Centre.

Anne Marie Cyr of the Health Unit says they are hoping to repeat the promotion, but start earlier in the year, and also broaden the promotion by

reaching out to more businesses in the out-lying areas. “We’re hoping to start it in May of 2003 and we want everyone to join in,” she says.

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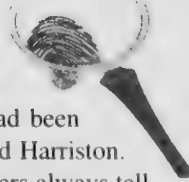
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There was a preliminary hearing held. The authorities wanted to know who stole the egg. They also wanted to know just when it had been stolen. Each suspect was questioned on both points and to the astonishment of the court, each offered up a confession. The statements were as follows:

Case of the Missing Egg

Anderson: (1) I stole the egg. (2) I either stole it alone or had Chandros as my accomplice. (3) The egg was stolen either late Saturday afternoon or Saturday night.

Barnes: (1) I stole the egg. (2) Anderson was my accomplice. (3) The egg was stolen late Saturday afternoon.

Chandros: (1) I stole the egg. (2) Neither Barnes nor

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Anderson were involved in the theft. (3) The egg was stolen late Saturday afternoon.

The prosecutor didn't know what to make of this. The court procedure mandated that a decision had to be made based on the fact that all three were villagers and either consistently lied or spoke the truth.

After some careful thought, the judge announced that he was pleased and confident that he could identify not only the thief, but at what time the egg was stolen.

Who stole the egg and when was it stolen?

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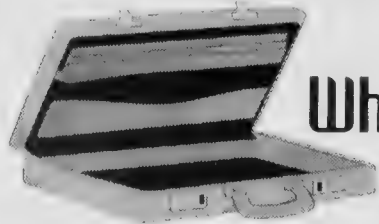


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By Diana Burns

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Marlene Brett operates her promotional specialty company from her home in Lochlin. She moved to this location in March 2001 from Wasaga Beach. She had been working in the industry for six years and in March 2002 she started Southcreek Specialties.

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Marlene is also quite involved in the community. She is a Director of the Haliburton Lions Club, she is on the Board of Directors for the Lochlin Community Centre, and both her and her husband Earl Myers served on the Haliburton Highland Games Committee.

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More Than Just a Bed and Breakfast - Franka Caters Too...

By Diana Burns

Only six days after moving into her new home in Haliburton, Franka Andriano opened Whispering Pines Bed and Breakfast on August 1, 2002. Franka explains that if it wasn't for the help from family, friends and local businesses, she would not have made her opening deadline.

The bed and breakfast and catering business incorporates all the things that she likes to do. She enjoys being with people, loves to cook but most of all just loves to work from her home. She worked and lived in Mississauga before moving to the region. Franka says, "It was a lifestyle choice.

I'm doing what I want to do and I love it."

The skills acquired in her previous background in sales and social services will serve her well in her new endeavor. She also operated a catering business in Toronto and to help prepare her for someday reaching her dream of owning and operating a bed and breakfast - she spent the last ten years staying at different bed and breakfast locations throughout Ontario to better familiarize herself with this business.

Whispering Pines offers their clients a homemade gourmet breakfast and an afternoon tea as part of their service for overnight guests. As an added bonus, Franka also offers a dinner package for those guests who would rather stay in for the evening. All meals are homemade, no fast or convenience foods here but rather what Franka refers to as peasant or comfort foods. Franka insists on the best and believes that only home cooked meals made with the freshest ingredients are what guests want. She will even prepare special menus for those guests who might be vegetarians or have special diet requirements.

She welcomes families at her bed and breakfast location, but sorry, no pets. In the summer you can enjoy the sunny deck overlooking the marshland or on those hot days, take a dip in

the pool. It's located on a two acre property on Pine Street, which is just a few minutes on foot to the Village of Haliburton for those guests who would like to take a leisurely walk or do some shopping. She treats her guests like she would treat her friends but at the same time appreciates their need to relax and spend a quiet afternoon by the fire.

Franka also offers several additional services under her catering business name Franka's Delectables. She provides a full catering service for both corporate events and private events such as anniversaries, bridal and wedding showers, and weddings. She also teaches cooking classes from her home. An example of one of these classes is 'The Colours of Italy' being held on November 27 and 28. Students will watch how to make three different sauces, then prepare two different pastas. They will have the opportunity to sample the food

and take home a dinner for two all at the affordable price of \$45.00.

She also offers a complete service for your holiday entertaining needs. This service includes; a prepared appetizer, salad, entree, 2 side dishes and desserts starting at \$20.00 per person. Customized dinners can be arranged or you can order from Franka's prearranged menu. If you are entertaining a larger group of people she can provide prepared hot

dishes such as lasagna, pasta dishes, chicken cacciatore, chicken cutlets, turkey, beef or chicken pie or perhaps you would prefer a customized veggie tray, cheese tray, cheese and fruit tray or a sliced meat platter. Her services don't end there. She will also prepare dessert trays consisting of either squares, cheesecakes, homemade loaves, cookies, or customize a tray

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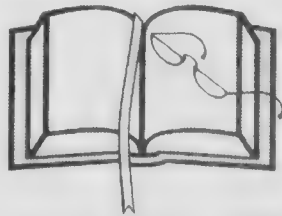
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children but you still need a will if you want to make a gift to a friend or charitable organization, or to treat a family member specially.

If you die without a will and are in a common law relationship, your common law spouse must go to court to make a claim against your estate and can only do so if the spouse has lived with you for three years or more before you die, or if you have a child together. Other family members that you are legally obligated to support, such as an ailing parent living with you, must also go to court if you do not have a will.

Because there is no one to administer your estate without a will, a family member, even a married spouse, will have to apply to the courts to become the administrator (executor) of your estate.

To avoid the cost of courts after you die, the best thing to do is to have your lawyer prepare a comprehensive will for you now. In the next column, I will be talking about lawsuits and insurance.

Worldly



drank so much of the home-made liquid, however, that he now suffers from argyria, a condition that colors his skin a shocking shade of blue. "I'm healthy," Jones insists — he's merely blue. He has stopped drinking the concoction, but his new skin color is permanent.

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CANDIDATE:

Stan Jones, a Montana Libertarian candidate for the U.S. Senate, thought that there would be a massive shortage of medical care due to the "year 2000" computer crisis, and started drinking colloidal silver, a natural anti-bacterial. He

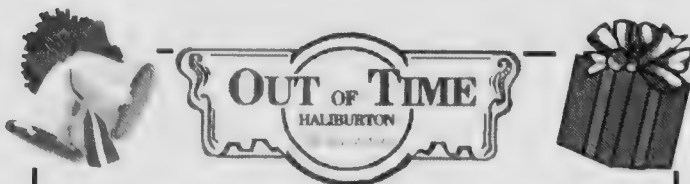
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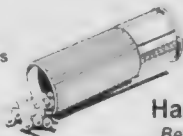
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	9 Circle and Story Time 11am	10 Picture Frame Ornament	11 Made By Me Gift Wrap and Tags	12 Activity Morning Christmas	13 closed	14 open 10 - 12
	16 Circle and Story Time 11am	17 Let's Bake Cookies Cookie Exchange	18 Christmas Party Ho Ho Ho	19 Activity Morning Christmas	20 closed	21 closed
A N D C H R I S T M A S	23 Circle and Story Time 11am	24 Rudy the Reindeer	25 Christmas Day CLOSED	26 Boxing Day CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED
	30 CLOSED	31 CLOSED	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2003 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED

Haliburton's Calendar of Events for December



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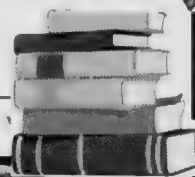
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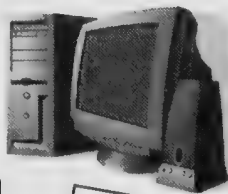
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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9 Claypot Snowman or Bell	10 Claypot Snowman or Bell	11 Activity Morning Christmas	12 Music Circle	13 Closed
16 Silly Legs Santa	17 Petite Penguin	18 Christmas Party & Potluck Lunch	19 Music Circle	20 Closed
23 Happy Birthday Rice Krispie Treats	24 Christmas Cards & Tags	25 CLOSED Merry Christmas!	26 CLOSED	27 Closed
30 CLOSED	31 CLOSED			



Minden's Calendar of Events for December

Santa Coming To CHACE

Santa is making his appearance at CHACE in Haliburton on Wednesday, December 18. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. There is a potluck lunch so people are asked to sign up ahead of time if possible. Santa will be arriving at 1 p.m.

Everyone is asked to please bring a \$5 - \$10 wrapped gift for your children. For more information please call 457-2989.

There is a Christmas party at CHACE in Minden as well for the 18th of December. People are also asked to bring a wrapped gift for your children. For more information contact the Minden office at 286-1770.

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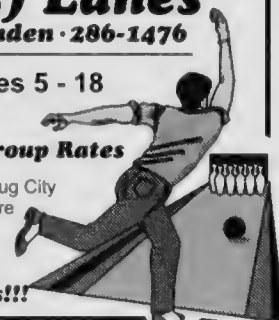
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What's up @ Hal High?

by Brad Mickle



November

What's Up After School?

These next few months are crazy at HHSS. We now have new teams coming in for a filled season ahead and old teams leaving memories of their season behind. The Boys Junior and Senior Soccer Seasons are now over with a great season that rushed past. Also the Junior and Senior Football teams wave by their season, as the juniors will remember one of the best seasons ever. Along with that, the Girls Junior and Senior Field Hockey and the Girls Rugby seasons also come to an end with no disappointment there. But many sports players just look ahead to the next filled season that may include: Boys Junior and Senior Basketball, Girls Junior and Senior Volleyball, and once again, Mrs. Dibble starts up an aerobics room after school for those who want to get down and boogie and keep in shape.

A new sport is now available at HHSS thanks to Mr. Fockler and Mr. Klose, a great wrestler that is showing the young ones some new moves.



Lest We Forget

As another November 11 comes around the Drama classes at HHSS are put to their best. This year, lead by Mrs. Zilla, the grade 9-12 students put on a touching performance once again. This year a lot more of the talent at HHSS was revealed for both students and teachers.

Mr. Regina's Flute Choir started off the Remembrance as they have done year after year, along with many solos and duets. Even Keri Andrus and Jodi Curry gave a little of what they could do by putting on a dance to help remember those who have fallen.

Other performers included Mr. Tose, Abby Haggerman, Dan Scott and Josh Wales and, of course, Mrs. Zilla along with more, too numerous to name. Once again, the Royal Canadian Legion attended two of the ceremonies to remember fallen comrades. Mr. Longo was the Master of Ceremonies.

Thank-you to all and a job well done!

Hello Everyone!

This is Brad Mickle writing for the Highlands Communicator. I attend the Haliburton Highland Secondary School and am presently in Grade 11. Here's a little background information on me:

Born: March 26, 1986

Age: 16

Grade: 11

Favorite sports: Basketball, badminton, bowling, track & field and soccer.

Biggest Accomplishment in life: Getting my G1 (watch out pedestrians!)

Sporting information: MVP for badminton, bowling for 6 years, and am assistant coach of the OSO bowling league.

Well, now that you know pretty much everything there is to know about me, please stay tuned in the months to come to see, "What's up in Hal High?"



Teachers, students etc.. If you have any news from HHSS - upcoming or ongoing, be sure to see Brad at school and let him know what's up.

Coming Events:

November 18-30 – Battle of the Bands @ HHSS 12:00 SHARP!

November 29 + 30 – Basketball Tournament Starts at 12.45

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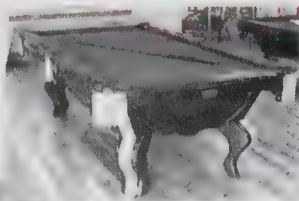
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SPORTS

It's hockey season again and we felt this was a perfect time to run this letter we received from Patty Acorn of Minden. She writes:
A friend and I were working one day on a story and we came across a poem she had written for her son many years ago.

I was touched by this poem and felt I had to send it in to your paper.

I have been reading in the papers, front page news in the big cities, how parents are being charged with assault at their sons pee wee games! One dad was actually charged with man slaughter after he killed another dad.

Thank goodness we live in a small town and our kids and the hockey parents are more civil! Our are we???

I was at a hockey game recently and had the misfortune of listening to some of the parents in the stands.

After a game a friend of mine was upset that her son was being bullied and threatened by his own team mates, because he let 5 goals in that game. I use the word "team" mates loosely.

From the dressing room you can hear the kids bragging about how hard they hit that guy, not how fast they carried the puck...

I hope this poem can bring another smile to the face of a player, parent and or a coach.

The Goaltender By N.J.Burk

He flashed on the ice amid wild yells and cheers
So sure and so brave, for all his six years.
He skated so proudly, his face beamed with joy,
Such heavy equipment for such a small boy.

Protected and padded on leg, chest and hand,
Encaged in a helmet, scarce able to stand,
The stick that he carried, as one might surmise,
Cut down from a big one, was still twice his size.

Then, taking his place in the great empty net,
He crouched and he signaled his mates, he was set,
The shots came on slowly; he gloved one or two,
Breakaway! The crowd settled back. He knew what to do.

Our team acted swiftly; they sunk about four
And then they were stymied; they couldn't get more
Rush after rush became an attack; their
Forwards were faster,
Our defense was caught back.

They filed from the ice, as if in retreat.
He'd been used to winning.. Never tasted defeat!

I stood with mixed feelings, as I watched the door close-
What was he thinking? Only he knows.
How much had we taught him? How much had he learned?
Win, lose or draw, our praise must be earned.

Seconds seemed endless, the whole place had died,
What happened next made my heart burst with pride.
I heard his small voice, and I blinked back a tear;
It was what I had hoped, what I prayed I would hear.

"Sorry we lost guys, but we did have a ball.
And you know what they say, boys, you can't win 'em all!!!"

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Heads Up...

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Wake Up!!

On average, falling asleep while driving results in 550 accidents per day in the United States.

They Are Probably Worth Their Weight In Gold

Because metal was scarce; the Oscars given out during World War II were made of plaster.

Back from the Future Maybe?

During the chariot scene in 'Ben Hur' a small red car can be seen in the distance.

Now We Know...

Mrs. Clause's first name is Jessica in the movie Santa Clause is Coming to Town.

Movies for Martians?

The projection light used for IMAX theaters can be seen from space

Not the Last...

Video Killed the Radio Star was the very first video ever played on MTV.

Does it work though?

After the "Popeye" comic strip started in 1931, spinach consumption went up by thirty-three percent in the United States

Bet You Always Wondered This One...

Charlie Brown's father was a barber.

What Can We Say...

Yasser Arafat is addicted to watching television cartoons.

I Know... I Feed Some...

A bird requires more food in proportion to its size than a baby or a cat.

Chimp See Monkey Do "NOT"

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Local Symphony Has Members from 12 to 76 Years Old.

Here's a great way to get yourself and your family into the Christmas spirit. The Highland Winds Symphony will be performing at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Centre at the high school in Haliburton on Monday, December 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

The symphony, made up of a maximum of 42 people, will fill the center with the sounds of Christmas music as well as treat the audience to some other fun classics. They will also be joined by special guest, John Miller, a local tenor who will sing with the group.

Just who are the Highlands Winds Symphony and what are they all about?

The group was originally formed by local resident, Don Wright, who also has a swing band he gets together with. The group was born in 1994 under Don's leadership but was handed over to Glen Carter and Lorie Reddering in 1997 when it became too much for Don to operate both groups.

The symphony stayed together with the two new conductors, Glen and Lorie. Lorie is a music teacher at both the JDHES and Archie Stouffer schools and Glen is the former music teacher at Archie Stouffer. The group meets to practice at JDHES Monday night from 7 - 8:30 p.m. "We have a lot of fun," says Lorie. "We wouldn't be doing it if it wasn't so much fun because it is a lot of work," she adds.

When the band is full, there are 42 members present. About half of the group are high school students. "Our youngest musician is 12 years old and our oldest member is 76. That's quite a mix, huh?" says Lorie. "We also have some cottagers who join us when on holidays."

The symphony consists of all volunteers, and all funds raised are used to pay rental fees so the members don't have to pay anything. "It's a freebee for the musicians," says Lorie. "Jane Symons is our treasurer. She handles all the finances - she's great and does a lot for us." She adds.

If you're a musician who plays a wind instrument or drums, the group is welcoming you to come join in. "We could really use more bass players and saxophone players, and even more drummers," Lorie stresses. The symphony plays everything from popular pop songs to classics and movie music.

So, do yourself a favour and check out this fun filled musical symphony on December 2nd. It's sure to be a crowd pleaser and, if you're interested in joining in the fun by becoming a member, call Lorie Reddering at 286-3200.

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Zoe Chilco - Music Has Always Been A Part Of Her Life

By Diana Burns

As a musician, Zoe Chilco's first break came when she performed at a local fair. After hearing her performance, a member of the audience referred her to Gord Kidd whose band needed a female vocalist. Her musical career started to blossom in her thirties when she performed with Gord Kidd and the 'Kidd Kountry Band'. She remained with the band for five-and-a-half years before moving on to perform solo. For the past four-and-a-half years, she has taken her own poetry to create her lyrics, added her own music and in 1998 she produced her first recording.

Zoe Chilco's newest CD 'Femme Sole' is a compilation of Blues and Jazz written by Zoe. The completed CD took her approximately a year to complete. She admits, "There is a lot of planning that goes into the process from renting studio time, lining up the musicians, and then the self-promotion to request play time at radio stations." So far, the radio station in Huntsville has been airing her CD, and the Toronto Blues Society has told Zoe that "there is a lot of good blues songs on it that would make a good blues album."



Zoe often visited friends in the area and says "What brought me to this area was it's natural beauty, clean air and a need for solitude and regeneration." As a former Toronto resident, she couldn't find these qualities by remaining in the big city. She moved to Carnarvon in 1991.

Music has always been a part of her life and she remembers as a child hearing her mother singing around the house. She feels that some of her talent was also inherited from her father who has always had a good ear and a love for music. She took piano lessons for two years when she was a child but confesses that she is mainly self-taught. Her favourite blues singers are Billie Halliday, Bessie Smith, Ella Fitzgerald, Cleo Laine and Janice Joplin.

Zoe's upcoming plans include a small tour to perform her songs that are on her CD. She participates in the seasonal summer performances of 'Music By The Gull' in Minden. Past performances also include the fund raising event held last April 'Dining with Doctors', and the 'Fall Gathering' musical event sponsored by the Haliburton County Folk Society. She is also working on another CD.

Her past endeavors included teaching music and French. She is currently a licenced Massage Therapist (practicing out of

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Dining and Entertainment

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The Kosy Korner has been a part of Haliburton's downtown core since back as far as 1935 and possibly earlier. "That's as far back as we know of," says current owner Janet Tice. They know that it goes back as far as 1935 because they were given a hat that was worn by waitress Muriel Bailey back in 1935. The headpiece reads "Kosy Korner". In fact, the Kosy started in what is now the bar area of McKecks right next door.

Janet and her husband Jim purchased the business in 1990, (hence why their menus say Kosy Korner

1990 on the front – in case you every wondered). The couple purchased it from Walt McKechny, owner of McKecks. Walt owned it for two years after purchasing it from Bill Vanderhorst.

Both Jim & Janet are familiar with this type of business - Jim owned the Beaconbrooke which is now the Northwood Inn, and later was the manager at

Deer Lodge. Janet worked four years at Kosy before becoming the new proud owner. Prior to that she worked at the Country Cook and Café in West Guilford.

Janet actually moved here from Quebec specifically to work in West Guilford. She moved to Quebec from her hometown of New York where she was born and raised. Once here in Haliburton County, she met Jim, and the rest they say is history.

Janet is very active in the business, but you might not see her much when visiting Kosy Korner - she spends most of her time working her shift in the kitchen. "A lot of people don't realize I own the business. I'm always in the back cooking - I love to cook," she says. Cooking is something she learned at a young age. "We had nine kids in our family and everyone had a certain chore. Mine was cooking supper at night," Janet says, adding, "I just love cooking –

especially breakfast."

Janet is actually up early every morning preparing for the busy day ahead. She is at the restaurant each day at 4:30 a.m. – yes, when many of us are still sleeping – she's making fresh muffins and other special treats.

Fast service, good portions and fresh homemade meals is what awaits you at the Kosy Korner each day – 7 days a week.

Breakfast is one of the many popular items that has so many visiting Kosy Korner. Breakfast is also offered all day – which is a draw for many. Also popular is their hot sandwiches. One reason is the Kosy's delicious homemade gravy.

If you like turkey, Janet makes fresh turkeys every week so you know you're getting real turkey meat when you order a

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Meghan Cox wears the Kosy hat that was worn by waitresses in the 30's.

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turkey sandwich or popular turkey club.

If you are a western fan, then you must give their westerns a try. "We've been told that this is one of the best spots for a western," Janet adds.

Actually, all the meat selections are popular, and rightly so – Janet says she buys the good cuts. "I know the better cuts are more money, but it makes a difference in the taste." She actually purchases most of her meat products right across the street at The Butcher Block.

If it's soup you love then you will love their soups – all homemade, and two great selections each day. Really, you can't go wrong with any meal on the menu.

Price is also a drawing factor for many – the prices for meals are very reasonable. "We depend on the local business to come every day. So I try to keep the prices reasonable," she says.

If you enjoy the food at Kosy and would like the same great taste at a special function, this is all possible as Janet also offers catering on the side.

Janet works her shift at the Kosy five days a week, and spends three days a week in the afternoon looking after her grandson Joshua. While she's away, the business is looked after by her



staff, some who have been working there for 8 – 10 years. Kosy has 13 staff in the winter months and 18 in the summer months. "The staff here is very good. They all know their jobs," says Janet.

The large staff is needed as the restaurant sees a large turnover in a day. "I imagine we get 200 or more people per day during the winter and 300 or more per day in the summer," says Janet.

If you have never stopped in – be sure to give the Kosy a try.

If you are a regular patron of the Kosy's you will notice one change taking place in January. Janet says effective January 1, 2003, the Kosy Korner will be a fully non smoking restaurant. Currently there is a smoking section in the back portion.

The Kosy is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner daily 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. They also provide take-out. You can contact the Kosy at 457-2810.

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Zoe's CD Available Locally

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her home) but music is and always will be her first love.

Zoe's latest CD is available at the Old Country House and Video City in Haliburton and the Wild Orchid in Minden. Features of Zoe's company 'Fumbling for Change' can be viewed at her website www.chilcostreet.ca/zoe. There you can listen to some of the songs, view a material list and place orders. She is also available for bookings to perform for weddings and special events and can be reached at 489-4171.

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Recipe of the Month

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Notes:

A great recipe for that left over turkey coming soon....

Ingredients:

3 Large potatoes boiled and mashed
buttermilk

1 1/2 lbs. ground turkey

5 cloves garlic minced

1 large onion chopped

1 tsp. ground sage

1 lb. frozen corn

Salt and pepper

Preparation:

1. Boil potatoes and mash with buttermilk.
2. Saute ground turkey with a little butter, garlic and onions. Add sage and Salt and pepper to taste. Transfer to large casserole dish and spread evenly.

3. Top evenly with corn then spread mashed potatoes evenly on top. Bake at 350 for about 1/2 hour

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They've teamed up and are offering the area extensive experience in roofing and general contracting. They are Jason Main and Steve Stata, the owners of the newly established J & S Roofing.

Now may not be the best time to have roof repairs or a new roof put on, but the pair also specialize in other areas that keep them busy during the off season. This includes dry-wall, framing, siding, soffit, fascia and other contracting type jobs.

One winter oriented service they offer is tending to your roof – ice & snow removal. Steve and Jason are more than happy to "keep an eye" on your roof and tend to it when it's time to have it cleared of ice and snow. Jason recommends that anyone clearing a roof should really know what they are doing, because many times you can damage a roof further if you don't do it right.

"If you don't know what you're doing, don't go up there", says Jason. "It doesn't take much to ruin things, especially if you're using shovels with metal ends, or axes. I've seen a lot



of damage done. You're best to stay away from it and let a professional do it," he adds.

Jason says he is not trying to discourage youth who take on this chore during the winter, but adds that if you don't hire a professional, make sure that the person doing it knows what they are doing. "They have to know what to use, where the vents are and other things that can be damaged if not done properly," he says. J & S Roofing would be more than happy to add you to their maintenance list and leave all the worries to them. "We are always around and can take care of your roof when it's needed. You don't need to worry at all this winter," says Jason. If you have a cottage or are leaving the area for the winter and want your roof looked after, J &

S will be glad to do it, and you can square up with them once you return. "That's how northern hospitality works," says Jason. "You have to take care of the people for people to take care of you."

J & S Roofing is fully insured and can handle a variety of roof work. They specialize in steel roofing. "We do a beautiful job with steel," says Jason, adding, "we do a great job with all materials, but we're very good at steel roofing."

They also do shingles, E.P.D.M., Rubber roofing, and cedar for all styles of roofs – flat, low slopes, large and small. "If it has a roof, we can do it," says Jason.

Jason is used to a variety of climates and has gained experience working with different roofing companies locally, in B.C. and in Alberta. "I've seen many different styles and over time I've developed my own style learning from some of the best," he says. By working in different provinces, he has also dealt with the different cli-

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Steve & Jason Have Gained Extensive Experience

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mates and how to build a roof for that climate. In B.C., for example, it is very wet as it rains a lot. There he learned how to best protect your roof and your home from rain. In Alberta you have extreme cold and heavy winters. In Ontario, well, we kind of have both – wet and lots of snow with the addition of ice. Jason started in the business when he was quite young, and says he loves it.

"It's a great job. You meet a lot of great people. It's a quick job, you're there for a day or two then you're done." Both Jason and Steve are definately not afraid of heights and say they work well under those conditions. "We're both like a couple chimpanzees up there," says Jason.

Steve has also learned from many over the years and brings 18 years of experience into his own business. His experience goes beyond roofing to include siding, soffit, fascia, dry-wall, finish carpentry – "a little of everything," he says.

Although Jason has lived in three different provinces, he was born and raised in Harcourt. Steve moved up to the area when he was 4 years old.

Although their business is fairly new, they recognize the

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importance of good equipment and set themselves up right away to run a professional, well-equipped business. "We have all the safety equipment, we're fully insured, we have a power ladder, air guns – all the proper equipment to do a good quality job.

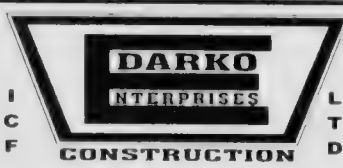
"Word of mouth is important," says Jason. "We will do a good job because we want you to tell your neighbour and friends that we did a good job."

Both Jason and Steve stress that when you hire them, you get them at the job site. "A lot of times when you hire someone, you don't get them, you get their workers. When you hire us we are the guys applying your material," says Jason, adding, "We're a small business and want to keep it that way for that reason. We're the guys you are going to see there on the job."

Steve currently lives in West Guilford. Jason currently lives in Harcourt and in his spare time enjoys playing with his new baby boy, Dylan Troy Main.

You can reach J & S Roofing by calling Steve at 754-1114 or Jason at 448-9175. You can also find their numbers in the Yellow Pages when the new book comes out, or see their ad in the service directory of the Highlands Communicator.

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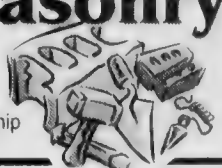
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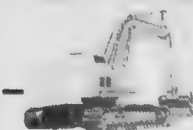
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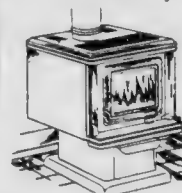
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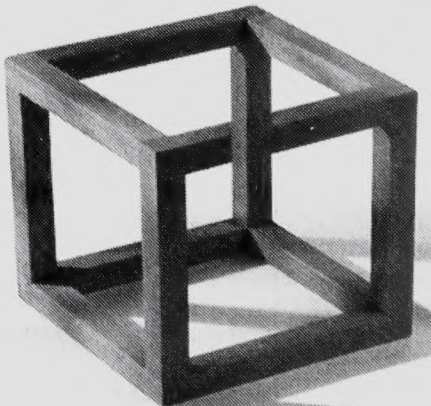
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Well, such questions cannot go unanswered around here so, we took the liberty of calling the Ministry of Transportation to get the answer. The woman who answered the phone was unsure herself but thought also that "not applicable" would apply. However, I needed to be sure so she put me on hold to get the facts.

After a few minutes, she came back with the correct answer. A bald person would be asked what their natural colour was when they did have hair. The reasoning is that someone could shave their head but let it grow back or perhaps it could magically grow back?

So there you have it. By the way, we're still working on Cadbury to see how they get the caramel into those Caramilk chocolate bars. Cadbury assures us if they give up their secret, they'll give us the scoop! Stay tuned.

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There were 9 Sam's hidden in last month's
issue. They were hidden in the following ads:

Foster's Door Repair, County Auto Repair, GP
Tires, Lamb's & Iry, H & R Block, Bullfrogs
Birtro, 45th Apparel, J & S. Roofing,
Haliburton IGA.

**The winner of last month's
Spot Sam contest is Darlene
Walker of Minden.**

More Winners!!...

The Winner of last month's Dinner for Two
at the Wagon Wheel and CD by Stan Russell
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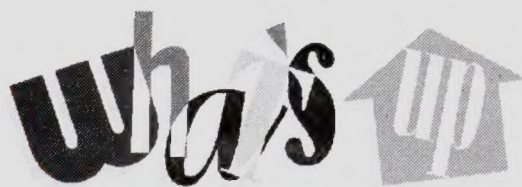
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We plan to have some special contests and lots of fun things that we've been holding on to for this special issue.

Businesses... If you want to say Merry Christmas to your customers... what better way than in this up-coming issue - that is mailed free to everyone!

It's also a great chance to advertise your last minute Christmas sales as it will be out in lots of time for the last minute Christmas shopper.

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The popular brunches are open to all. They are being held Sunday December 1 and Sunday December 15.

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December 1

Razzamatazz Season opener - see pg. 7 for story.

December 2

Highland Winds Symphony - see pg. 36 for story.

December 7 & 8

Minden Craft Sale - see pg. 6 for story.

December 3

Home Support Christmas Luncheon in Haliburton. See pg. 18

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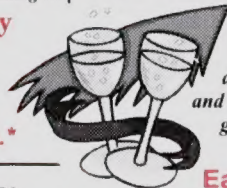
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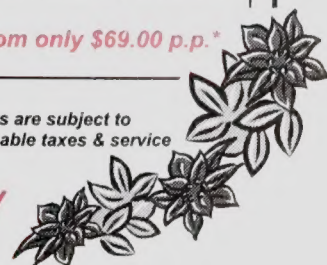
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